

MR. TANNER: I'm afraid mine's going to take more than three minutes, but we'll get going. Anyway, I'm Clint Tanner and I work at SUFCO Mine in the maintenance department. I keep hearing a lot of stuff. My issue is not -- you know, I keep hearing that we're afraid we're not going to have jobs and those kinds of things. And that's not my issue. My issue, because coal miners are some of the most adaptable and able to work within what they've got people, right? So I mean if they lose that industry, they'll survive. Our issue is that there's no good answer, there's no good representation from anything else. And it's unfounded, because, you know, I grew up in Craig, Colorado. There is a power plant, there is a white cloud above it. There's no brown cloud, though. Drive through Utah, there's a brown cloud coming in here, but there's no brown cloud at the power plant. So we want to pay less money for our electricity because we're going to be able to work. We have eyes, we can see this -- so we're fighting the wrong battle and coal's easy to blame. But the first three things I want to talk about stems from ignorance and irresponsibility. We keep saying that coal's bad and that they're bankrupt, but I think we're putting the chicken before the egg. And the coal companies are bankrupt because they're regulated into that. And I think this is a fundamental difference on just both sides and their perspectives as far as we are responsible for ourselves. And I think sometimes we get a different perspective that says that, you know, they're responsible for what we do. So we want to be responsible for our thing. A three-year possibility of, you know, the moratorium and waiting until market prices increase and, you know, allowing leases at that point in time, there's just no way that could work. I mean that's an impossibility. And then the other thing is, when I get down and I pray when I go to bed, I pray, thank God that He put the coal in the ground, that I can go mine, that it's got the kind of energy to power all of the things that I like to do. So I'm going to speak for a small percentage and this is going to be on the socioeconomic thing. And this is what I was going to start off, but I didn't. So anyway, I was in Colorado for 15 years, I was a coal miner forever, value resources. Anyway, we shut down, we laid off 100 people. Completely different mine. Those are the guys that work for me, I worked for, worked with, loved them, they got laid off. One year later, another 100 get laid off because the costs are too much, they're just too high. So I choose to move to SUFCO and move my family. And this is part of the ethics of the company. And this is something that's been bothering me all day is, the generalization of coal as

a bad guy, because the company that I work for foresaw some things happening and moved several of us to different jobs and saved them. The company struggled through this tough time while they were waiting to get us over there. So the ethics of the company is not something that should be questioned.